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A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT.

Evidence continues to be taken in the so-called Panama libel suits against the New York World and the Indianapolis News. And there is as yet, no explanation by the Federal Government of its position in the matter. The President in his message called for action against these newspapers and was particularly emphatic in his statement that their punishment should not be left to any individual libeled.

We believe these suits are dangerous ones. The principle, if sustained, that the Government in power at Washington may prosecute a newspaper for an alleged libel against it, is trenching on the freedom of the press. We think that the country, as a whole, is with the President in the Panama matter. Few believe that there is any truth in the charges so vehemently made by the World. All are satisfied that our public officials handled the matter of the purchase and the payment of the \$40,000,000 for the rights and property of the French Panama Canal Company, honestly and for the best interests of the United States.

We are satisfied that the punishment for the libels of the World should have been left to an enlightened public opinion. In the long run, even so powerful a paper as it, would have been forced to recognize the displeasure of the public and its consequent loss of influence and prestige.

When the London Times, that great English paper, which for generations was recognized as the most powerful single influence in the British Empire, libeled Charles Stewart Parnell by publishing the Piggott letters, it was not the judgment against it which counted so much, as the dreadful blow that false publication dealt to its prestige.

The old Alien and Sedition acts imposed a fine and imprisonment for printing scandalous material concerning the Federal Government, the President or Congress. It produced a violent reaction and was a large factor in the extinction of the Federalist party. A prosecution of the World and News would be an attempt, without the sanction of explicit law, to repeat the mistake of 1798.

It is a strange and ominous doctrine that a government in this country can bring suit against a newspaper which has offended it and use the public moneys and the public agencies to obtain redress.

There is dynamite in the proposition and if it has aroused little excitement so far it is because few believe that such a step is really entertained or that legal means can be

found to execute it. The right of a free press and free opinion to commend or criticize the officers of the law is a fundamental right, more important than anything else save the maintenance of law and order.

This right is frequently abused, but it may safely be left to the correctives of public opinion and the well defined remedies of our libel laws. The government as such should keep hands off. A vigilant and aggressive press throwing the searchlight of publicity over government officials, high or low, is the best insurance against dishonesty, and the mistakes that may be made will be few compared to the number of times that rascality will be exposed or prevented.

W. S. MASSIE CASE

IS NOW ON TRIAL

Suing City of Winchester For Damages Done By Overrunning Water.

The case of W. S. Massie against the city of Winchester, was the first case called in circuit court Wednesday morning and has occupied nearly all the day and had not gone to the jury up to the time The News closed its form. Mr. Massie is suing the city for \$300.00 for damages done to some goods he had stored in the basement of his store at the corner of Main and Broadway, caused by water running in the cellar during a rain on account of the sewer not being able to carry off the water.

WISCONSIN HAS BIG SENATORIAL SCANDAL

Stephenson Accused of Buying Election at Primary.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 27.—If United States Senator Isaac Stephenson holds the strength he exhibited in separate branches of the Wisconsin legislature he will be elected in joint assembly today to succeed himself for a full term. Senator Stephenson received 60 votes in the assembly and 12 in the senate, or a total of 72. In the assembly 15 members voted blank and in the senate 16 were counted as present but not voting. It requires 67 votes in joint assembly to elect. It was said that several members of the assembly voted for Stephenson under pressure and that an effort would likely be made to have them withdraw their support today.

Sensations were numerous, especially in the upper branch of the legislature. Senator Huston, in speaking of the joint resolution to investigate the senatorial primary, said: "Can you use the cloak of the primary to debauch the electorate?" It was a matter of common knowledge that nothing but money entered into the election campaign last summer, and that money won, he said.

On top of Senator Huston's tirade came Senator Blaine with the filing of 16 specific charges accusing Senator Stephenson of the improper use of money in the primary, naming the sum as in excess of \$100,000, and approximating \$250,000. Senator Blaine followed the presentation of his charges by speaking to the subject, "The Purchase of a United States Senatorship," and he proposed to show that it was purchased by corruption, bribery and fraud.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Mayor.

We are authorized to announce
J. A. HUGHES,
as a candidate for Mayor, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce
H. T. STROTHER
as a candidate for Mayor of Winchester, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce
W. O. HOSKINS,
as a candidate for Mayor, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce
JUDGE F. P. PENDLETON,
as a candidate for City Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce
WOODSON M'CORD,
as a candidate for Chief of Police, subject to the action of the Democratic party.



There are Many New Buildings

being erected in Winchester, and we are supplying the lumber for the best of them. We defy competition on our estimates and prices on the same quality of lumber, laths, shingles, doors and sashes that we give you. We furnish you with superior, kiln-dried lumber in any quantity desired, which we will deliver promptly to your order.

WINCHESTER LUMBER & MANUFACTURING CO.

INCORPORATED



Alterations on Your Home

or repairing on it requires just as carefully selected lumber as new work. Don't use any "good enough," as some people call the cheapest grade of lumber they can get, for it isn't economy to do it. Choose superior lumber that will give satisfaction in the long run from us.

YOUNG DISTILLING CO.
DECISION RESERVED

Arguments Are Completed and Judge
Judge Cochran Now Has
The Case.

RICHMOND, Ky., Jan.—Upon the convening of the special term of the Federal court here yesterday morning, the case of the York Distilling Company was resumed. It proved to be a unique case and developed many interesting and complicated points of law. The arguments were so lengthy that the case was not finally submitted to Judge Cochran until 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and his decision was reserved.

The case of the York Distilling Company is a mail order house, located at Newport, Ky. It advertised for sale a certain whisky, the advertisement being sent through the mails in the form of circulars. A sample of this whisky, being chemically analyzed by the Government, was alleged to be not whisky, but a mixture of other compounds that did not form whisky. The Postmaster-General issued a fraud order, alleging misrepresentation through the mails, and ordering the York Distilling Company's mail stopped.

The company immediately filed an application for a temporary injunction while the Government's side of the case was looked after by District Attorney Tinsley.

Mr. Southworth in his closing remarks, asked Judge Cochran for as prompt a decision as possible, stating that his company had been put in a very embarrassing position, due to the fact that the Newport postoffice was piled up with many orders for it, which it could not secure or fill, in addition to many orders in the house for which they had received money; in fact their whole business was blocked pending his decision. The question in end sits down to what is whisky, and whether or not the liquid which the York Distilling Company is selling was whisky.

Railroad Case On.
In the case of the Montgomery Seed Company, of Mt. Sterling, against the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad Company, involving something over twenty thousand dollars, was commenced late yesterday afternoon and was on trial today.

Special Grand Jury.
A special grand jury was empaneled also, and instructed to investigate a certain alleged conspiracy and disobeying of certain restraining orders committed at Stearns, Ky., which led up to the fight at that place on Christmas Day in which United States Marshal John Mullins, was killed.

WITHDREW NOMINATION OF FREDERICK WALLIS

Willis Requests That His Name Be Taken From Consideration of Senate.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.
NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Governor Hughes withdrew the nomination from Frederick Wallis as State Superintendent of Insurance. The action was at Wallis' request.

Wit Must Come Unsought.
When one runs after wit he is sure to catch nonsense.—Montesquieu.

OPERA HOUSE

"A Pair of Country Kids."

"A Pair of Country Kids," the play that has that snap and go to it that marks it as one of the plays of the day, with no long tiresome waits and you are interested all the time. There is something in the play that seems to hold you in a good humor all the time and when it's all over, you leave the theatre feeling like the little boy who had his first stick of candy, "I want more." The above attraction will appear at the opera house next Friday, January 29.

"The Witching Hour."

With an unbroken record of over 500 performances to its credit at the Hackett Theatre, New York, and long and lucrative engagements in Chicago and other cities to add strength to its potency and power, "The Witching Hour" comes to the Winchester Theatre on Tuesday, February 4th, with a prestige never surpassed by a dramatic attraction. The demand for seats is already large numerous orders having been received by mail at the box office.

The fame of "The Witching Hour" has reached every clime and country.

Augustus Thomas, its famous au-



A Scene From "The Witching Hour."

thor, recently completed a novelization of the play. It is published by Harper & Brothers, and the book, already, has had a large sale. It was printed simultaneously in fifteen different languages.

The Hindoostan edition is expected to reach a sale of 500,000 copies. The Hindoos have gone deeper into hypnotism, telegraphy and other mystic lore than any other nation. The first German edition will consist of 10,000 copies.

A splendid company is promised for the presentation of "The Witching Hour." It comprises Howard Gould, Edward See, Eleanor Barry, Alma Chester, Frederick Roberts, George Howell, Charles Mailes, Janet Dunbar, W. C. Bristol, and other well-known players.

KIERAN UNDER ARREST

Is Wanted In Pittsburgh on Four Grand Larceny Charges.

New York, Jan. 27.—P. J. Kieran, former president of the Fidelity company, was brought in custody to police headquarters. Kieran was arrested at the request of the chief of police of Pittsburgh on four specific complaints of grand larceny.

Grave Robbed of Dead.
College Corner, O., Jan. 27.—The grave of Mrs. Clara Wright and infant child was discovered to have been dug open and the remains taken by grave robbers.

MOVED HIS SHOP.

Tom Cowan, the popular barber, who was burned out in the Court View Hotel fire, would like to have his customers and old friends call on him in his new shop in the Simpson and Hathaway building.

CONNECT CRIMES

Dayton Police Say Negro Killed Mary Forschner.

Dayton, O., Jan. 27.—Elwood Welmer, who was arrested at Hamilton as a suspect in the Mary Forschner murder, arrived in Dayton. Welmer admits drinking heavily for the past six weeks, and assigns this as the cause of his shattered nerves. He claims Ottawa, O., as his home. The police have little confidence in their ability to fasten the crime on him.

A complete description of the man who accosted and pursued Mrs. Barbara Schaff has been furnished the police, and from several minor facts they are confident that he is the murderer of the Forschner girl. The funeral of the girl was held, her three sisters acting as pallbearers.

The detective who probably is best informed on the case declares the guilty man is a negro, and offers many substantial facts in support of his theory.

William B. Norris, an expert analytical criminologist of Houston, Tex., is here at work on the case, and his opinion supports that of the detective.

LISTEN TO REPORTS

Miners' Convention Today Hears the Findings of Committees.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 27.—Reading of the reports of the committees appointed to examine officers' reports took up most of the time of the miners' convention.

The tellers continue their work of counting the ballots cast last December for the election of national officers. No definite time for report of the result of the count is set, but it is expected that the figures will be known either this evening or tomorrow morning.

THREE INDICTED IN LAND FRAUD SUITS

Federal Grand Jury Strikes Pay Dirt at First Session.

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 27.—Semi-official reports from the federal grand jury which is investigating charges of fraud and conspiracy in connection with the distribution of town lots here in 1900 and 1901, are to the effect that three persons have been indicted on town lot fraud charges and that from 10 to 50 separate indictments have been found against each.

Government officials, while declining to vouchsafe any information in advance of the report of the jury, do not deny that indictments have been found. To Danville, Va., goes the distinction of furnishing the first witnesses to cause true bills to be found. In the case of these witnesses the testimony is said to be unanimous that at least 38 deeds were forged by the persons indicted.

LOST—Found, for sale, for rent, advertise in the classified column

SOUTH PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. A. S. Vivian has about completed his residence on Calloway street.

Mr. Ira Sumpter has moved into his new home on Kentucky street.

Mr. R. H. Patterson is building a new residence near the one he recently sold to Mr. Wade on Kentucky street.

Mr. Jeff Jones moved into his new cottage on Kentucky street Monday.

Mr. E. S. Barnes has moved from East Broadway to 120 Buckner street.

A HORRIBLE HOLD-UP.

"About ten years ago my brother was 'held up' in his work, health and happiness by what was believed to be hopeless Consumption," writes W. R. Lipscomb, of Washington, N. C. "He took all kinds of remedies and treatment from several doctors, but found no help till he used Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles. He is a well man today." It's quick to relieve and the surest cure for weak or sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Asthma and all Bronchial affections. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Phillips Drug Store.

COLORED COLUMN.

Rev. Mrs. S. Crutcher, of London, Ky., was the guest of Miss Lillian offskin a Saturday afternoon, en route home after visiting relatives in Nicholasville and Harrodsburg.

Rev. G. F. David, presiding elder of Lexington district A. M. E. churches, passed through this city Saturday for his home in Lexington after finishing his quarterly visits at his churches in Eastern Kentucky. He will hold quarterly conference at the A. M. E. church here February 1st and 2nd.

Rev. A. Harris is helping Rev. C. G. Cannon in a revival at Falmouth, Kentucky.

Thomas Parker, of Paris, Ky., was the guest of Miss Carey Didlick last Sunday.

Miss Lillian Johnson, Robt. Trimble and Julian Montgomery had a nice literary program at No. 119 Oliver street last Sunday afternoon.

At the Hippodrome tonight Dunbar Company Uniform Rank K. of P.'s will have charge. This company is composed of the very best of our younger colored men and they invariably make a success of what they undertake. Beginning Thursday there will be afternoon sessions at the Hip from 2:30 to 5.

STODDARD.

If anyone wishes sample pages of the Lectures just drop a card to Room 302, Brown-Proctoria Hotel. 1-27-11.